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## Insight

### PLO leadership reflects division of its members

By Vincent J. Schodolaki  
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BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Palestine Liberation Organization has moved steadily toward moderation in recent years and now contains in its leadership a number of men who shun terrorist activities and are anxious to talk peace.

But the PLO also has hardliners in its top ranks, a fact that forces Chairman Yasser Arafat to tread delicately among the divided factions of the guerrilla organization.

The fact that former Presidents Carter and Ford are talking publicly about bringing the PLO into the Middle East peace process indicates the organization has come a long way since it was formed Jan. 1, 1965, as the umbrella organization for separate Palestinian guerrilla groups.

It includes nine separate organizations headed by Arafat's own group, Al Fatah, but also embraces hardline Marxists such as George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led by Nayef Hawatmeh.

The PLO has an elaborate infrastructure, something like a government in exile, with offices in and around Beirut; the location of some of them is a closely guarded secret.

Like many Middle East organizations, the PLO is dominated by one man — Arafat — but it has a powerful executive committee of 20 members that reflects the moderate-extremist divisions of its membership.

The more moderate PLO leaders tend to be those of wide experience and dealings with the West, such as Farouk "Abu Lutof" Kaddoumi, head of the political department and effectively "foreign minister." He has been the arbiter of inter-Palestinian quarrels.

The white-bearded Zehdi Terzi, PLO observer at the United Nations, is another moderate and a close aide of Arafat who was on friendly terms with former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young.

There are hawks, too, among those who have Arafat's ear.

Khalil Ibrahim "Abu Jihad" Wazer, leader of al Fatah's military wing who has known Arafat since the early days of their desert battles, was instrumental in establishing PLO links with the East bloc.

The second man in al Fatah is a hardliner, Saleh "Abu Iyad" Khalaf.

Both of these men deal mainly with the Arab world rather than the West.

Arafat, anxious to expand his diplomatic forays into the Western world while remaining close to the roots of his revolution, is in a sensitive position.

Analysts believe that despite the pressures, Arafat, himself a moderate at least in private, remains firmly in control of the PLO.

But the demands of the leftists impose considerable constraints on Arafat's public position if he wants the PLO to continue.

It seems likely that if Arafat accepted the existence of Israel in exchange for participation of the PLO in the peace process, the hardliners would break away and Arafat's life almost certainly would be threatened.

## Road rascal

### Slothful Opossum blamed for wreck

By Ann Marie Lippert  
Missourian staff writer

A lethargic Opossum sauntering across Route KK early Monday sparked three automobile accidents that left four vehicles piled up.

There were no serious injuries. The Opossum was unhurt.

Shirley Turner, Route 3, encountered the meandering marsupial about 6:30 a.m. approximately one mile (.6 kilometer) north of the road's intersection with Route K. She swerved on the wet pavement to avoid the animal and ended up in the ditch.

"Those opossums are slow animals," she said, "kind of unpredictable and ignorant, but I just couldn't see hitting the poor thing."

An hour later, her husband, James Turner, was trying to pull the car from the mud with his pickup truck. That's when a Blazer driven by neighbor Susan Palmer, also of Route 3, skidded on the slick street and hit the rear of the truck.

As the group tried to flag down a motorist to call the authorities, Tammy Miller, another Route 3 neighbor, skidded her Ford sedan into the Blazer, pushing it into a culvert.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol filed no charges in connection with the wrecks. But Mrs. Turner said she would sue the Opossum if that were possible. "That critter wasn't harmed in the least, but he would be if only I could find him."

Mrs. Turner said it was "some kind of luck" that no one was injured seriously.

"Luckily no one was hurt bad, but it sure was a heck of a way for neighbors to get together," she said. "With all those cars piled up, you'd of thought someone was dead."



NOW President Eleanor Smeal, left, and former first ladies Betty Ford, center, and Lady Bird Johnson led an ERA rally on the grounds of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., Monday.

## Ex-first ladies encourage ERA approval in 3 states

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Spurred by the presence of two former first ladies, the women's movement pleaded Monday with the "American conscience" to resurrect a dormant Equal Rights Amendment.

About 1,000 women, dressed in the green and white colors of the equal rights movement, gathered at an ERA rally at the Lincoln Memorial, site of many past civil rights rallies.

It was the culmination of a three-day National Organization for Women convention that dedicated all its effort in the next nine months to winning ratification of the amendment in three more states by the June 30, 1982, deadline.

Betty Ford and Lady Bird Johnson spoke of the ERA as a natural outgrowth of the civil rights movement.

"The fight for civil rights was won because it was the right thing to do," said Mrs. Johnson. Lyndon Johnson presided

over the most important civil rights legislation in the nation's history.

"The ERA is the right thing to do — and long overdue," Mrs. Johnson said. "For our daughters and granddaughters, we must do no less."

Added Mrs. Ford, "As a woman and as a Republican, I don't understand how we as

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a people can continue to hold our heads high and be proud if we have not guaranteed rights to half our population."

"We are here today to raise the conscience of the nation — those who are with us but have not yet spoken out. We will be in this until ERA is part of the American Constitution," she said.

The ERA, passed by Congress in 1972, stalled with ratification by Indiana, the

35th of the 38 states needed, in 1977.

A UPI survey of political leaders in the remaining 15 states showed little or no hope for passage.

"We plead with the American conscience that it does not turn back on all the principles it stands for," said NOW president Eleanor Smeal. "Despite all the political predictions, somehow, some way, the spirit will rise up and we will win."

Some in the crowd chanted, "Stop Reagan," and Ms. Smeal said the rally would "send a message to our president."

"Yes, our president has got to hear that this nation wants equality. We will continue to demand equal rights till justice is ours," she said. "We are here today because we know this nation has always risen to the challenge for justice. And once more before it's too late, in this century we must complete the quest for equality under the law."

## Discipline provisions postponed by board

By Barbara Hill  
Missourian staff writer

The Columbia Board of Education reacted cautiously Monday to proposed rules governing student rights and disciplinary procedures, deferring judgment until board members have time to consider their implications.

The proposals, presented to the board by Associate Superintendent Hank Fisher, would make formal administration policies regarding student rights and responsibilities, as well as define proper conduct and rules for administering discipline.

Fisher said the proposed policies make minor adjustments and do not represent significant changes in the school system's current policy manual.

Among other things, the proposals deal with:

✓ Conduct on school buses. The report proposes that students who pose disciplinary problems on buses have riding privileges suspended.

✓ Student smoking and use of illegal substances. The administration proposes that smoking be prohibited on campus. To discourage drug use, the report calls for intensified efforts to educate students on drug dangers.

✓ Interrogations and searches. The report proposes that "school officials" be allowed to search student desks, lockers and other property if they have "probable cause" to believe students possess illegal or dangerous items.

Harris Cooper, 205 Westridge Drive, said "school officials" and "probable cause" were vaguely defined and requested that the board clarify them before voting on the proposal.

Some board members were sympathetic to Cooper's criticism and indicated they would explore defining the terms more explicitly.

Fisher said the proposals had been reviewed by school system staff members, a group of parents and senior- and junior-high school students.

The board will take up the policy proposals in November.

In other action, the board endorsed the work of an informal task force on youth unemployment. Board President James Oglesby said he has met with business representatives and school district officials to explore methods of finding jobs for youth.



Dale Russell's "Dinosauroid"

## Move over apes!

### New theory of evolution emerges

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI) — But for a twist of evolutionary fate, dinosaurs rather than apes might have been our ancestral forebears, says a Canadian scholar who has developed a model of the imaginary reptilian creature.

Dale Russell, curator of fossil vertebrates at the National Museums of Canada in Ottawa, has developed a theory that intelligent life forms could have developed from the large reptiles that roamed the earth millions of years ago.

Russell calls his imaginary creature a "Dinosauroid," which would look like a hairless, green-skinned reptile with a bulging skull, luminous cat-like eyes and three-fingered hands.

Russell is a visiting scholar at the paleontology department at the University of California at Berkeley.

All it would have taken, he said, was an adjustment in the Earth's history that would have kept the giant dinosaurs as the dominant form of life on the planet.

Strange as the theory may seem, Russell said his lizard-man has a serious message: high intelligence may be a natural result wherever life evolves in the universe, and perhaps man's general body form is no fluke.

In developing his creature, Russell followed evolutionary trends he believes already were under way in one line of dinosaurs 78 million years ago.

The stenochoyosaurus, a long-tailed carnivorous forest dweller that stood about 5 feet (1.5 meters) tall, had

many of the attributes that man's own ancestors possessed three or four million years ago, Russell said.

The creature stood on two legs, had thumbs, binocular vision and a large brain, for a dinosaur.

The result of his conjectures, Russell admitted to science correspondent Charles Petit of the San Francisco Chronicle, made even him nervous while he was evolving the theory.

"When I saw the direction it was going, I started having second thoughts," he said. "This is not the kind of speculation most of my colleagues are comfortable with."

"Can you imagine the reaction from Biblical creationists to this?" he asked.

So far, the reaction at Berkeley has been positive.

"Most of the people are absolutely fascinated," he said. "Nobody has started avoiding me in corridors."

The intelligence of humans today, Russell said, is in accord with a trend established more than 200 million years ago. The first creatures that began developing along the natural line toward intelligence were reptiles, dominated by the dinosaurs.

When the dinosaurs abruptly disappeared along with half the species of life in the world 65 million years ago, mammals underwent an evolutionary explosion to fill the void. Russell said mammals picked up the natural line toward developing intelligence right where the dinosaurs left off.

## Panel advises Uehling on cuts

By Jim Lynch  
Missourian staff writer

A committee hand-picked by Chancellor Barbara Uehling has advised her that she should emphasize "quality" and "need" in considering which campus programs should be trimmed or eliminated to deal with budget cuts.

Concluding a week of daily meetings, the group of faculty, staff and students recommended Friday that program evaluations also be made on the basis of cost and "socio-political" ramifications. Dr. Uehling has until Thursday to submit her own program-cutting procedures to Uni-

### Quality of programs emphasized

versity President James Olson.

Both administration and academic programs could fall victim to approaching cuts. The committee made no specific recommendations on what programs should be affected but devoted its work to broad criteria to be used in the cutting process.

Committee member Tom Wolfram, a physics department professor, compared the panel's emphasis on quality and need to grocery shopping after having one's salary cut in half.

"You wouldn't go to the grocery store and say, 'What's the cheapest thing you have to buy?'" Instead, he said, a shopper would trim a less expensive, less nutritious food like potato chips from the shopping list while keeping more expensive but more nutritious items like hamburger.

Similarly, Wolfram said, the committee agreed the University should judge areas not only on their cost but on their contribution to the core of the University.

The report addressed four broad questions, covering quality, need, cost and socio-political implications. Each broad question is followed by five to 10 specific questions.

Quality and need were the easiest criteria to develop, said agronomy department Chairman Roger Mitchell and chairman of the special panel's chairman. "Blending" cost with quality and utility was the committee's most difficult task, he said. The committee spent the least time studying socio-political aspects of cuts.

"We recognized it's there," Mitchell

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## In town today

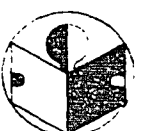
9:30 a.m. County Court meets, court chambers, fifth floor, County-City Building.

11:45 a.m. Discussion of the Hancock Amendment, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 W. Rollins Road, free and open to the public.

7 p.m. Stress workshop, "Coping with the Morning News," sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Boone County, at Farm and Home Savings, 725 E. Broadway, free and open to the public.

7 p.m. Columbia Land Clearance

for Redevelopment Authority will begin drafting a formal redevelopment plan for the Flat Branch area, fourth-floor conference room, County-City Building.



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